



Town of Richmond

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October 4, 2021 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent: Douglas Bersaw

Public Present: Fran Heap

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:33 pm

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to approved the manifest dated October 4, 2021 for week of September 24, 2021-September 30, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 5,223.16 for payroll/accounts payable.

Harrington spoke with Town Clerk advised the Town Clerk's Office will be open from 4:30 to 5:00. New Hours are: Mondays-Closed

Tuesdays-12:30 to 6:30 *Walk Ins from 12:30-4:30

*Appointment only 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00

Wednesday-9:00-12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00

Thursdays-8:00-12:00

State of New Hampshire Department of Safety Driveway Permit received for Route 32 Map 405 Lot 039-Arnie Filipi. Permit # 04-385-0047 to expire on 09-21-22.

Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety notifying Richmond of a pending rulemaking action initiated by the Department of Safety with regards to the readoption of rules pertaining to Tuition Discounts for Firefighter Certification Courses I and II, Saf-C 6203.01. A Rulemaking Notice Form # 2021-97 was attached.

Letter from the Monadnock Regional School District extending an invitation to the Richmond Board of Selectmen to be part of the presentations of neighboring towns to share information and seek input on the plans for consolidation of Mount Caesar School and Cutler School, and the renovation to Mt. Caesar School and Emerson Elementary School in Fitzwilliam. Meetings will be held on October 20, 2021 @ 7:00 pm at the MRMHS Auditorium and on October 25, 2021 @ 7:00 pm at Emerson Elementary School. Letter is attached to minutes.

Received county tax bill for 2021 from Cheshire County Finance Department in the amount of \$413,385.00 due by December 17, 2021. For 2021 Richmond's percent proportion to County Tax is 1.4394% to the total of Cheshire County Equal Valuations of \$8,666,908,474.00. In 2020 Richmond's percent proportion was 1.3640% to the total of Cheshire County Equal Valuations was \$8,024,266,705. Richmond's portion of county taxes is based on the town's percentage of equalized valuations including utilities to the overall total equalized valuation for all Cheshire County municipalities.

Board reviewed the 2022 Budget Meeting Schedule. Harrington to notify Board of their appointments. Budget Schedule attached to minutes.

Letter from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. regarding the Utility Rates for 2022. Any needed updates to the utility properties for new construction (HB700 annual valuation) or defense of values before the Bureau of Land and Tax Appeal or Superior Court shall be billed additionally annual rate of \$150.00 an hour. This also includes any utility defense work (abatement and appeal).

Board reviewed invoices from Attorney Joseph Hoppock. Harrington to contact Hoppock with questions.

Board discussed application for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Resolution for joining the National Flood Insurance Program and the flood map. Board will discuss further next meeting with all members of the Board. Harrington to contact Lisa Murphy with questions regarding application.

Appointments

Librarian, Wendy O'Brien and Library Trustee, Dixie Gurian met with the Board to discuss the water problem at the Richmond Public Library. There is a problem with the water pipes that run under the Fire Department. The water pipes running under the floor of the Fire Department provide water to the Fire Department, Richmond Public Library, and the Taylor/Van Brocklin Building. The water pump has been shut off, and will need to remain off until the issue has been fixed. Harrington to meet with Frank Amarosa in the morning and with an employee of Monadnock Well and Septic in the afternoon on 10-5-21.

***** FRIENDLY REMINDER *****

The Town Hall will be CLOSED on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

TOWN OF RICHMOND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Office of Selectmen

2022 Budget Department Meeting Schedule

October 25, 2022

6:00 PM Library

6:30 PM Cemetery Commission

7:00 PM Emergency Management

7:15 PM Tax Collector

November 1, 2022

6:00 PM Town Clerk

6:30 PM Agricultural Commission

6:45 PM Highway Department

November 8, 2022

6:00 PM Parks and Recreation

6:30 PM Supervisors of Checklist

6:45 PM Welfare

7:00 PM Moderator

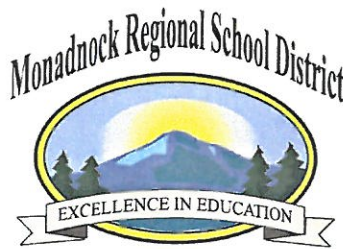
November 15, 2022

6:00 PM Fire Department

6:45 PM Land Use (PB/ZBA)

7:00 PM Treasurer

*Please submit your complete draft budget to Susan Harrington in the Selectmen's Office or susan.harrington.richmond@gmail.com **prior** to your appointment. Please bring your complete draft budget and the documentation to back-up your requests. If necessary, we may decide to schedule a second meeting for your department. Thank you for your attention to this most important municipal function.*



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September 30, 2021

Dear Selectboard of Richmond,

The Monadnock Regional School Board would like to extend an invitation to you to be part of the presentations in your neighboring town as we share information and seek input on the plans for consolidation and renovation of Mt Caesar School and Cutler School, and renovation of Emerson in Fitzwilliam. You know your town dynamics better than we do, and your knowledge of the local situation is important information for us to hear. Your support will help us get to the goal of successful completion of the projects planned to improve our school facilities. We hope that you plan to attend the information sessions, and will ask questions that you may have or think your constituents may have. The meetings will be held on October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the MRMHS Auditorium and October 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Emerson Elementary School.

There is a backlog of repair and renovation projects for Cutler Elementary School (1945) totaling ~\$12 million. An investment of that size cannot overcome some of the challenges related to the property itself, such as the proximity to industrial factories, or the limited parking and bus lane space. In the proposed plan, Mt. Caesar School (1953) would be expanded to support all Preschool thru 6th-grade students from Richmond, Roxbury, and Swanzey. The plan includes a new multi-purpose room for physical education, meal service, and fine art performances. Cutler School would then be closed and put up for sale.

Emerson School in Fitzwilliam was originally constructed in 1925. The building has grown 'organically', meaning the multipurpose room and additional classrooms have been added over time. The classrooms themselves are an adequate size, but the entry ways are far from the offices and cannot accommodate a secure vestibule. There are multiple/separate heating and cooling systems in both buildings that are outdated and do not have central controls. Emerson is also in need of work on the roof and parking lots.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely, for the MRSD Board

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